

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

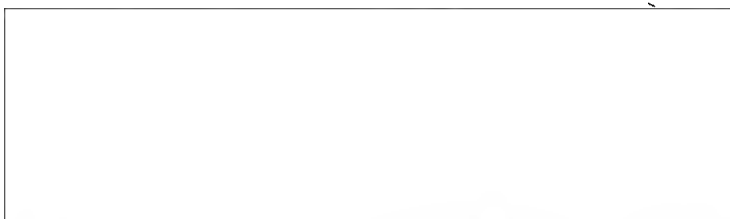
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1. Cuba

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it is "widely known" there that a "violent" debate is raging among cabinet members and other government and military leaders. They are forming into two groups, one favoring the Sino-Albanian attitude disparaging Soviet policy, the other favoring an entirely new movement behind Castro along extremely nationalist lines. This would be socialist in character without the Communist label.

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c. Castro is said to be off in the hills trying to make up his mind which course to favor.

d. Both tendencies, of course are violently anti-Yankee, but, more interestingly, neither is pro-Soviet.

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the question of relations with Moscow is a hot political issue in Havana.

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2. Cuba - Soviet Bloc

a. Plans are apparently being worked out at the Soviet-Cuban trade talks now going on in Moscow for the Bloc to provide all shipping needed to handle Cuba's trade should further action be taken to prevent Western ships from taking part.

b. Western ships would then be chartered to replace Bloc vessels diverted to Cuban trade.

c. Well over three quarters of Cuba's sugar exports were carried in Western holds this year and more than half of Soviet petroleum exports to Cuba (currently running about 4,000,000 tons annually) were shipped in Western tankers.

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3. Maldivé Islands

a. The Soviets have recently been showing much too much interest in the Maldivé Islands

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4. Colombo Conference

a. Ceylonese Prime Minister Mme. Bandaranaike has dispatched an emissary to New Delhi and Peiping with word of the outcome of the Colombo Conference,

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b. Apparently the conference was something of a fiasco, as was to be expected from the divergent sympathies of the participants.

c. We do not yet know exactly what the conference came up with, but no one seems very eager to take credit for it.

5. Dominican Republic

a. The dominant Dominican Revolutionary Party threatened late last week to withdraw from this Thursday's presidential elections unless the Church repudiated a statement by some of its clergy that the party was Communist (which we do not believe is the case).

b. [redacted] has since decided to ask for a month's postponement instead, [redacted]
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c. We think its candidate, 53-year-old former exile, Juan Bosch, stands a good chance to win. If only for this reason, the party seems likely to overcome its scruples by Thursday.

6. Senegal

a. Prime Minister Dia and President Senghor, long at each other's throats over domestic policy (and control), are moving to a showdown as armed forces and police responsive to Dia took control of the National Assembly (pro-Senghor) this morning to block a move to oust Dia.

b. Both men are pro-West. Senghor, a Catholic in a predominantly Moslem country, is enthusiastically pro-French and has been maneuvering

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for a strong presidency on De Gaulle's pattern.

c. Dia, an economist, is closely identified with moderate African nationalists. He feels Senghor has been of obstructing development programs in Senegal.

7. Brazil

a. Hostility is building up between the Goulart government and its internal opponents.

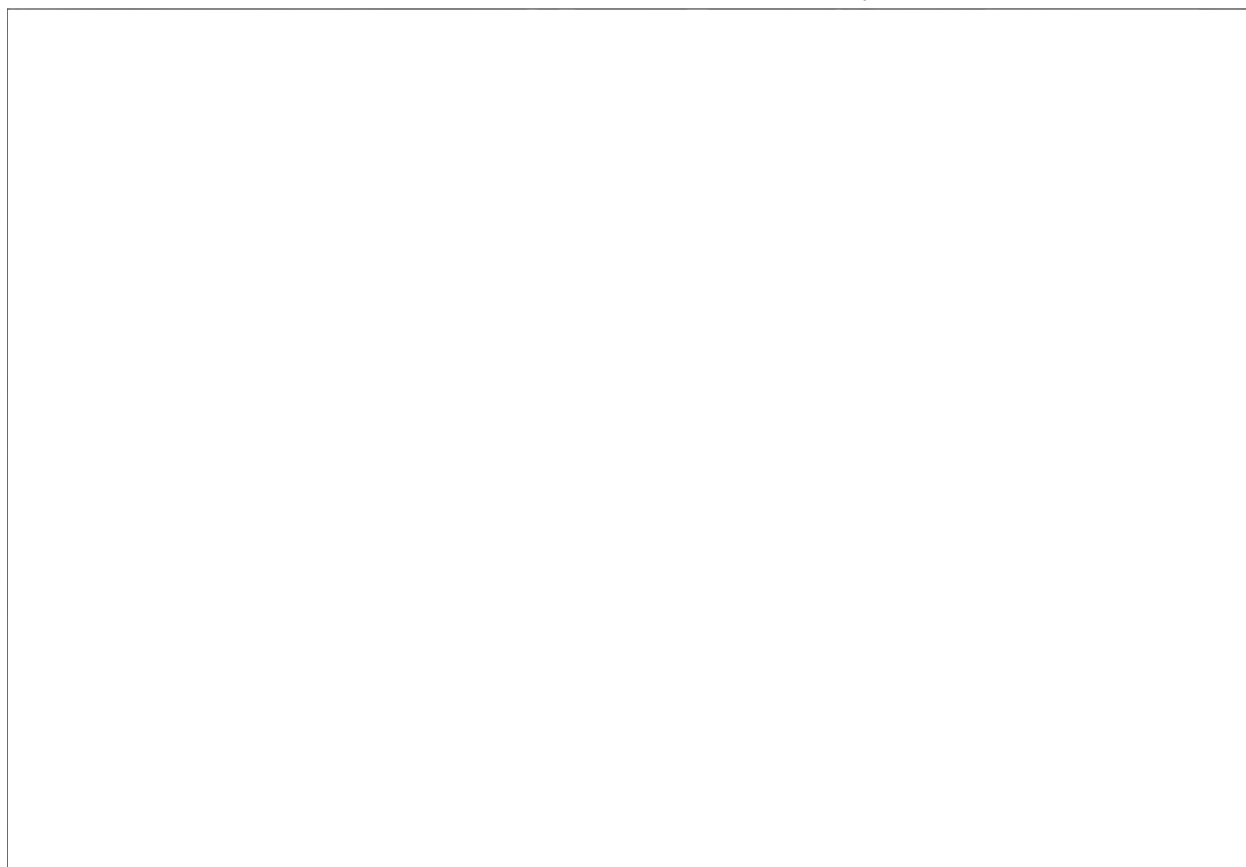
b. Officers of the navy, generally the most conservative, are incensed over Goulart's award of Navy Medals of Merit to a group of civilians including his Communist press secretary and Governor Brizola, his US-baiting brother-in-law. Some 50 officers have returned their medals in protest.

c. Navy Minister Suzano, who favors Goulart, has threatened to arrest three admirals from this group.

d. The Goulart government is evidently attempting to undermine anti-Communist Governor Lacerda in Guanabara State by allowing leftist General Alves' First Army--rather than the governor--to distribute emergency supplies in the face of a rice shortage.

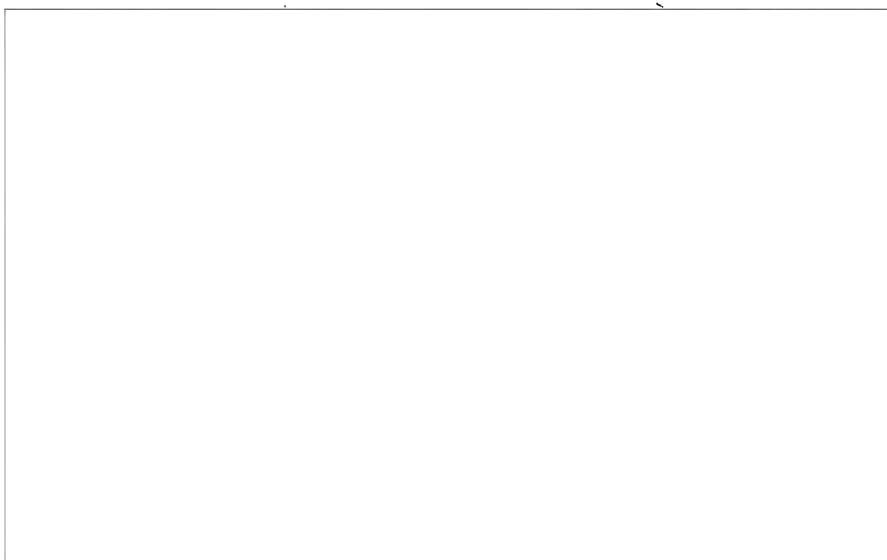
e. There are some indications that a government move may also be underway to prevent the inauguration in January of a recently elected anti-Communist governor in Goulart's and Brizola's home state of Rio Grande do Sul.

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8. USSR



NOTES

- A. Sino-Soviet Dispute The Communists have added a new "-ism" to their jargon: "capitulationism", which Peiping defines as being "scared out of one's wits by imperialist nuclear blackmail." This label was pasted on the Soviets in a scathing People's Daily editorial Saturday. In it, the Chinese also spoke of Lenin's wisdom in leading the Bolsheviki out of the Second International when they found themselves in the minority.
- B. Southern Rhodesia With Prime Minister Whitehead's policy of racial moderation now repudiated by the colony's white voters, a period of further racial polarization and, probably, of violence is in prospect. Most of the Africans boycotted the elections.

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